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others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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Again, and as always, we thank you. This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 975 for release on Friday, April 19, 1996 to follow.

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The following is a QST

The FCC orders a Louisiana ham off the air for two years and downgrades a Washington State ham from Advanced to Novice. Is this a new get tough policy against Part 97 rules violators? Find out on Newsline report number 975 coming your way right now!

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#### FCC SUSPENDS HAM LICENSE ON BROADCAST LANGUAGE RULE

The FCC has used the broadcast prime time rule that ban the transmission of certain words during a part of the day as one of several reasons to suspend the license of a Louisiana ham. It is a first and may well be the start of a new trend in private radio regulatory enforcement.

The FCC has taken seriously a get tough policy with hams who violate the Part 97 Amateur Service rules that was requested by the American Radio Relay League. The ARRL recently told the FCC that it wanted ham licenses suspended and on April 5th, the FCC did just that to the Technician Plus license of Irvin J. Foret Jr, KB5UJD, of Metairie, Louisiana. This, after receiving numerous complaints about interference to Amateur Radio operations in the New Orleans Louisiana area.

The action comes after FCC investigators monitored and documented Foret's transmissions in December 1995 and January 1996. The FCC says that some of Foret's transmissions on January 29th, 1996, constituted willful or malicious interference to the transmissions of other Amateur Radio stations. This, in apparent violation of FCC rules.

The FCC says that during an inspection of his station, Foret was lacking in candor. That he misrepresented material facts to Commission personnel by stating that he did not make the transmissions that investigators had observed.

The FCC also says that some of Foret's transmissions were unidentified, included music or were obscene or indecent. And here is where the FCC really gets tough. It literally invoked the famed prime-time rules it uses to govern the activities of commercial broadcasters. The one that limits the transmission of certain language to specific hours of the day. The FCC claims that the alleged indecent transmissions occurred at a time when there was a reasonable risk that children could be listening in. That's the so called prime time rule and its the first time that this rule has been invoked in a case involving words allegedly spoken over the air by a ham radio operator!

As a result of its investigation, the FCC has suspended Foret's license for two years. It has also ordered a final determination based on the issues in the case and whether to impose a fine against Foret.

If Foret files a timely request for a hearing or a written statement, the suspension of his operator license will be held in abeyance pending a Commission decision. Otherwise, the suspension order takes effect within 30 days of his receipt of the FCC's order.

At air time, it is unknown if Foret has filed any appeal.

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#### FCC BUSTS WASHINGTON HAM BACK TO NOVICE CLASS

In a most unusual case that hinged on his driving proficiency, Arthur P. Baumgarden, KI7CW of Bingen, Washington has lost his bid to retain his current license grade. This, after the FCC concluded that Baumgarden obtained his Advanced class license improperly and refused to review that decision.

Baumgarden, 62, said he successfully upgraded to Advanced during a 1991 test session in Carson, California, a round trip of more than 2000 miles from his home. According to the FCC, he later told a Commission informant that he obtained his upgrade -- and we quote -- "through payment of money, without passing the required examinations."

When the FCC questioned Baumgarden, he denied the allegations. The FCC then asked Baumgarden to take a retest under another Volunteer Examination team. Instead he refused and appealed.

FCC records indicate that Baumgarden changed his story after the FCC first took issue with his version of events and especially with the travel times he supplied. In part, the Commission expressed disbelief that Baumgarden could have driven to Carson, California, and back in the times he claimed. They called the alleged travel schedule impossible to achieve within the speed limit. Even more so when Baumgarden said he made the journey in his recreational vehicle. The Commission also says that Baumgarden failed to corroborate his tale or to adequately explain why he provided two versions of events.

Although Baumgarden continues to deny he obtained his amateur license improperly, on March 18th the FCC concluded that his denials are not credible" and refused to review the case on both procedural and substantive grounds. The Commission order says that because Baumgarden declined to appear for retesting, his operator license would be reduced to Novice and his call sign changed to one appropriate for that license class.

Baumgarden's only options now are to accept the suspension or take the matter into the federal courts.

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#### RFI PREVENTION

The American Radio Relay League has again criticized the FCC for failing to act to end TVI and RFI. The League says that the FCC continues to focus on the symptom rather than the cause of home

electronic equipment interference, even though it has authority to mandate change.

The League is again urging the FCC to require manufacturers to put notices on products indicating they are subject to harmful interference. It also wants to see information provided on interference resolution and names of contact representatives for resolving RFI problems.

The ARRL says that it is not optimistic that the FCC's pilot project of a privatized interference resolution program would work. This, since it puts the burden of resolving the interference problem on the consumer and not the manufacturer.

The League recommends establishing a cadre of volunteers who would use their skills to resolve interference problems involving other radio services. This says the ARRL only provided that the volunteers are guaranteed some protection from lawsuits.

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#### A UNIVERSAL LICENSE

The ARRL says that the FCC can save money by instituting a universal ham radio license. In reply comments on an FCC budgetary issue, the ARRL suggests the FCC reduce its administrative burden by adopting an Petition for Rule Making, RM-8677, which asks the agency to implement the Inter-American Convention on an International Amateur Radio Permit. This the League says could eliminate the burden of processing reciprocal license applications of hams visiting from elsewhere in the hemisphere.

The ARRL also suggests that the United States take advantage of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations' CEPT Recommendation arrangements and issue a universal license that would be recognized by other participating administrations and valid for visits.

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#### SPOC LIVES

The committee of repeater coordinators drafting a Memorandum of Understanding that will be submitted to the American Radio Relay League says that the final version will be made public shortly. According to a release from the committee through Whit Brown, WB0CJX, the Memorandum along with Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the National Frequency Coordinators' Council should be ratified by the time this newscast goes to air.

Brown notes that the ham radio media has been most patient in awaiting the final documents to be released. He says that the committee is appreciative for the restraint shown by the press during in the process. This says the committee minimized any premature impressions that may have been perceived during the formulation of the

documents and that of the concept of a Single Point of Contact to the FCC on repeater coordination issues.

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#### FCC OKAYS OLYMPIC CALL SIGNS

Some good news and some questions about ham radio and next summer's Olympic games. Bella Romain N4ILQ reports:

"Hams operating within the state of Georgia may use special call signs from April 15 until August 31, 1996, to commemorate the 1996 Olympics. The question is, will the Olympics let ham radio commemorative operations using the Olympics name take place.

The permit for hams operating in Georgia comes by way of a Special Temporary Authority grant issued by the FCC. Under the plan, any FCC licensed radio amateur operating in Georgia with a "4" in his or her call sign may replace that number with "96" representing the year or "26" in commemorating the 26th Olympiad. That's the simple part.

Here is the part that's complex.

Hams with any regional prefix identifier number in their call signs and operating within the State of Georgia may also add Zero Zero to the existing number to mark the centennial year of the Olympic Games.

How complicated is it? The ARRL put out a bulletin and gives the example using WA4BKD in Georgia. During the Olympic STA he could also identify as WA96BKD, WA26BKD or WA400BKD. An out of state license holder like NG3K, when operating portable in Georgia could identify only as NG300K or simply as NG3K.

The STA springs from an initiative by James Altman, N4UCK, of Atlanta and the Georgia Amateur Radio Operators Group he organized. They had support in this effort from the American Radio Relay League.

But there is still one unresolved question. It's no secret that the Olympic Games have become a very commercialized venture. As such, the Olympic organizers have issued a blanket ban on any unlicensed promotional use of any words or terms associated with the games. It is unknown if any special exemption will be granted to hams who want to run Olympics commemorative stations using reference to the 26th Olympiad name." N4ILQ

The Olympics start in July. As previously reported, radio amateurs have been barred from carrying any sort of radio gear into any venue while attending the 1996 Olympic games. Even broadcast personnel assigned to the games have been told that no commemorative operation of ham gear will be allowed as it has been permitted in years past.

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#### NEW VICE DIRECTOR FOR DELTA

Henry R. Leggette, WD4Q, of Memphis, Tennessee, has been named to

serve as vice director of the Delta Division through the end of 1997. He fills the vacancy created in January when Rick Roderick, K5UR, became director upon the election of Joel Harrison, WB5IGF, as an ARRL vice president.

Legette, who's 56, is a supervisor electronics technician for the Federal Aviation Administration. His team of 13 technicians is responsible for repairing the equipment and software used by air traffic controllers. A life member of ARRL, he previously served as vice director from 1989 to 1991.

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HALLER TO SPEAK

FCC Deputy Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief Ralph Haller, N4RH will be the keynote speaker at the April 25th Radio Club of America breakfast. The RCA breakfast was set to coincide with the 1996 International Wireless Communications Expo at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Haller's breakfast speech will take place between 7:30 and 9 am.

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LAMBDA ARC ANNOUNCES FORMAL ARRL AFFILIATION

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club is now an ARRL affiliated radio club. The Philadelphia based Lambda describes itself as a public service oriented ham radio club for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered hams. Notification of the formal affiliation came from ARRL Field Services Manager Rick Palm, K1CE. Only a few years ago, the ARRL and Lambda were involved in a legal battle after the Lambda group claimed discrimination because the League refused to run the club add in the classified section of QST magazine.

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MERRILL EIDSON, W5AMK, SK

The changing of the guard continues with word of the death of Merrill Eidson, W5AMK on February 5th. For years Eidson ran Eidson Crystals from his home in Temple, Texas.

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JAMES E. McKIM, W0CY, SK

Jim McKim, W0CY, of Salina, Kansas, died February 14th at age 80. A life member of AMSAT, ARRL and QCWA, McKim had been involved in satellites since the launch of Sputnik One in 1957. He was also regarded as a pioneer on the VHF and UHF bands.

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## BEACON UPDATES

KE2EDI says that he has been running a 10 Meter beacon on 28.286 MHZ since 1979. In looking through the beacon listings in the ARRL "Repeater Directory", he notes that the listings are at least ten years old. He says that some beacons listed have not been on the air for that long, or longer.

As a result, he is asking that anyone hearing Ten meter beacons please jot down the call, frequency, ID cycle and any other info that they know about the beacon, and send it to him on packet to BEACON @ ALLBBS. Hopefully, this will allow those interested to get a "real-time" beacon list of what is really out there on the Ten meter band.

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## AROS RETURNS

From overseas, word that the Radio Society of Great Britain intends to recommence the Amateur Radio Observation Service, or "AROS", and a new volunteer administrator is now required. RSGB members interested in applying should write to the Chairman of the LAC in care of RSGB.

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## FAIRS

The Floyd, Virginia based Foundation for Amateur International Radio Service will operate KK4WW, US5WE, BY1QH, 8R1WD and S21AM in their own countries on May 11th and 12th to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the organization. Listen for these call sign in the General portion of 40, 20, and 15 meters. For a certificate QSL with a 9 by 12 inch SASE envelope to FAIRS P O Box 341 Floyd, VA 24091

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## DX

In DX, word that 3W6GM, went QRT from Vietnam on March 31st and has returned to Germany. QSL via DF5GF.

Also, 5R8EN, continues to be active from Madagascar daily on 40 meters for the West coast USA stations. Look for him on 7057 kHz while he is listening on 7240 kHz around 14:15 UTC. He will give CW QSO's on request but cannot operate between 7000 and 7050 kHz due to the local restrictions. QSL via F6ARA.

The Team Selection Committee of World Radiosport Team Championship Games has announced selection of the 10 wildcard team leaders. Each team leader now must pick an operating partner from anywhere on the team leader's same continent.

The WRTC, set to begin July 13th and will pit over four dozen two person teams comprised of some of the world's top contest operators in a head to head competition during the IARU High Frequency World Championship contest.

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#### WORLD CLASS FOX HUNT

Southern California's second international style ham radio fox hunt takes place Sunday afternoon May 5th in La Mirada, California in association with the 1996 West Coast VHF/UHF Conference. According to Joe Moell, K00V, this will be an all on foot fox hunt contest open to anyone of any age who has registered at the Conference.

"When we had our first International fox hunt last year during Labor Day at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention, 40 hams signed up to participate. Two came all the way from Maryland to the convention just to be in the fox hunt.

This time the hunters will have the option of being on teams. We think the team competition will bring out even more hunters." K00V

Joe says that families are welcome, but all entrants must compete independently and each entrant must bring his or her own direction finding equipment. All transmitters will be on two meter FM. There will be separate divisions for various age groups, with prizes for winners in each division.

The 1996 West Coast VHF/UHF Conference will be at Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn, 14299 Firestone Boulevard, La Mirada, CA. More info on the conference is available from Southern California Six Meter Club, PO Box 10441, Fullerton, CA 92635.

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